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Language medium for U.P.S.C. Examination.

* 2399 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government was consulted by the Central Government, with respect to the introduction of Hindi in the place of English for all the examinations to be held by the Union Public Service Commission;

(*b*) if so, the nature of the reference and of the reply given thereto; and

(*c*) if not, whether the Government themselves offered any opinion to the Centre with respect to the said matter, and if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government of India elicited the opinion of the State Government on the question of introducing Hindi by stages as a medium for All-India Service Examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. The Madras Government did not favour the scheme as put forward and suggested that examinations should be conducted as at present and that the question may be further considered after the constitutional Commission appointed under Article 344 of the Constitution made its recommendations.

(*c*) Does not arise.

* 2398 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government asking for their opinion on the proposal to make 'Hindi' the language for Union Public Service Commission Examinations; and

(*b*) if so, whether any reply was sent and when it was sent?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to the preceding question No. 2399 given notice of by Sri P. Rangaswamy Reddiar.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Various statements were appearing from responsible Ministers of the Centre as well as the State about the real position of Hindi in the Public Services Commission Examinations. I would like to know whether this Government have received any official communication in this matter and, if so, will a copy be placed on the Table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : After we made a representation with reference to this matter, we have not received any reply from the Government of India.